

REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated claims 2, 4, 5 - 7, 11, 12 - 13 and 18 would be allowable if re-written in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 18.

Claim 2 has been re-written in independent form including the subject matter of claim 1.

Claim 3 depends on claim 1.

Claims 4, 5, 6 and 7 depend directly or indirectly on claim 2.

Claim 8 depends on claim 1.

Claim 9 depends now on claim 1 which should be allowable.

Claims 10 and 11 combined are presented herewith in independent form as claim 11 including the subject matter of claim 1.

Claim 12 is presented in independent form including the subject matter of claim 1.

Claims 13 to 15 depend all directly or indirectly on claim 12 and should therefore be allowable together with claim 12.

Claims 16 and 17 depend on claim 1 which should be allowable as amended so that also these claims should be allowable.

Claim 18 has been canceled as its subject matter has been included in claim 1.

Reconsideration of claims 1 to 9 and 11 - 17 is respectfully requested and allowance of these claims is solicited.

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